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**REMARKS**

The undersigned would first like to thank Examiner Te Y. Chen for extending the courtesy and conducting the teleconferences in order to possibly expedite the prosecution of the present Application to Allowance.

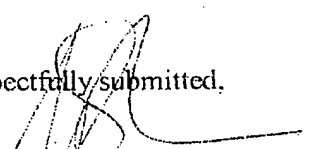
Claims 4 through 16 and 19 through 21 are currently pending in the present application, with claims 4, 10 and 14 being independent claims. By way of the present communication, Applicants hereby submit proposed amendments to claims 4, 7, 10 and 14. Amendments to claims 4, 10 and 14 are proposed in line with the discussions held and the presentations made during the telephone conversations between Jeanpierre J. Giuliano and Examiner Te Y. Chen on March 17 and 19, 2008. Amendment to claim 7 is proposed in order to effectuate congruency with the proposed claim amendments to independent claim 4.

For the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to this application.

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